

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 529

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Chelstin Wildun as a recipient of the 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improving the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Chelstin Wildun, a resident of Nashville and a junior at Overton High School, is one such citizen who achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Chelstin earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to improve anti-bullying programs and prevent teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, motivated by the suicide of an eighth-grade classmate, Ms. Wildun has worked with a Tennessee legislator to pass a bill to create awareness of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wildun wrote, filmed, and distributed a movie called *My Reality is Unreal*, which dramatizes how bullying can lead to a child's decision to turn to suicide. Her film has been utilized in high schools and organizations for use in anti-bullying and suicide prevention programming; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of

young people like Chelstin Wildun who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this General Assembly give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Ms. Wildun, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Chelstin Wildun, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.